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6. On 26 April 1954, Minister Heinrich Rau of the Ministry for Machine Construction sent a letter to Minister for Foreign and Domestic Trade Gregor in which he urgently demanded import from the West of 3,000 units of the directly-heated RS-337 tubes. Rau stated that orders for the import of these tubes were given to DIA-Maschinenimport. He added that DIA indicated the price of the tubes to be between 300 and 400 DMW per unit. However, DIA has an offer from an unspecified West Berlin trade firm according to which the tubes can be delivered at the extremely favorable price of 39 DMW per unit, so that the total price of the tubes would only amount to 117,000 DMW. The tubes in question have already been tested and found satisfactory. RAU urged Gregor to take every necessary step to procure the tubes in the fastest possible way.

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